

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF OHIO STATE SENATOR EDNA BROWN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to distinguished Ohio Senator Edna Brown, a trailblazer who recently passed away.

Edna Brown was a remarkable public servant from Toledo, Ohio, who dedicated her life and her three decades of service to improving the well-being and future of our community.

As the first and only African American to represent Lucas County in the Ohio Senate, she blazed a trail for many to follow at the highest level of elected office in Ohio.

She was a warm, inviting, and immensely kind person whose focus was always on public service and bettering the lives of the people she served, the people she truly loved.

Northwest Ohio lost a great champion. Her family lost a great mother and grandmother. America needs more people like Edna Brown in public service.

Her memory will live with us, and I know her legacy will inspire the next generation of Ohio's leaders, including women leaders.

I include in the RECORD her life story and obituary as a tribute to her persevering accomplishments for our Nation's betterment. Godspeed, Edna Brown. May the angels carry her very high, and may she rest in her peace.

SENATOR EDNA BROWN BIOGRAPHY

Edna Brown was elected to serve Ohio's 11th Senate District in November, 2010. She came from the Ohio House of Representatives, where she served Ohio's 48th House District. The Toledo native was a public school graduate who attended the University of Toledo and Mary Manse College. Her dedication to public service led to a 32-year career as an employee with the city of Toledo, followed by a six-year tenure on Toledo City Council.

She moved to the Statehouse in January 2002 to fill the House seat of then newly-elected Toledo mayor Jack Ford. Since her arrival, she worked tirelessly on issues of voting rights, health, violence against women and economic development.

Her idea to bring "no excuse" absentee voting to Ohio was incorporated into a bill that became state law in January 2006. For her efforts, the Ohio Association of Election Officials and the Ohio Secretary of State honored her with the Jack Wolfe Memorial Award as one of two "Legislators of the Year." In 2007, Brown introduced a bill to immunize young women from the human papilloma virus, and a bill addressing violence in teen dating relationships.

Senator Brown served as a member of the House Finance & Appropriations Committee and as Chair of the Human Services Subcommittee. She also served on the House Commerce and Labor Committee, the Elections and Ethics Committee, and the Commerce and Labor Committee. Senator Brown sat on the Ohio Commission on Minority

Health Board and served as Chair of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. She was a member of the House Cancer Caucus.

Senator Brown was the First Vice President of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, and served on the Executive Committee the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. She also worked as state director for WILL/WAND, a non-partisan national organization for women legislators.

Senator Brown was very active in her hometown. She was instrumental in founding the Greater Toledo Urban League and sat on the Board of Directors. She was a past chair of the Administration Board for Braden United Methodist Church, and was a charter member of the Executive Women's Golf Association.

All of her efforts garnered Senator Brown numerous awards. She won an inaugural "ROSA" Award from the Toledo Board of Community Relations for living a life parallel to the example set by civil rights leader Rosa Parks. The Toledo YWCA also honored Brown as a 2007 Milestone Award recipient for her contributions and achievements and WILL/WAND honored her with a Pacesetter Award the same year.

SENATOR EDNA BROWN OBITUARY

Senator Edna R. Brown, a Servant to Toledo, Mentor to many and Friend to all, passed away peacefully in her home, Saturday, January 1, 2022.

She was born in Tuscaloosa Alabama, April 4, 1940, the oldest of ten children, to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie and Pauline Hutton. She relocated to Toledo in 1952, attended The Jesup W. High Scott her freshman year in 1954 and graduated from The Harriett E. Whitney Vocational High School in 1958 and attended what was known as Mary Manse College and the University of Toledo. While at the University of Toledo, she accepted a position with the City of Toledo, which led to a 32-year career serving the Toledo Communities.

After retirement from the City of Toledo, Senator Brown began her career as an elected official. She was sworn into office January 3, 1994, to serve on Toledo City Council. When the late Jack Ford resigned from The Ohio House of Representatives to become Mayor of Toledo, Edna was appointed to serve the remainder of his term. Representative Brown was elected to a full term in 2002 and was re-elected four times. In 2010 Senator Brown won the Ohio State Senator seat, where she served as the Minority Whip and represented the 11th Senate District from 2011 until her retirement, December 31, 2018.

During her political career, Senator Brown sponsored and or co-sponsored legislation to benefit Veterans and their Families, Women, Children, and the Elderly. She was the original sponsor of the "NO EXCUSE" absentee voting for Ohio in 2005 and was the primary sponsor of HB 10 which addressed violence in teen dating. She proudly sponsored a bill to create Special License Plates for members of the Ohio Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons.

Senator Brown was preceded in death by parents; husband of 40 years Willie Brown; daughter, Carol Lewis; brothers, Charlie Hutton, Jr. and Joseph D. Hutton. She leaves to cherish her loving memory: daughters, Linda Armstrong, Christine Brown Daniels (Dayton OH) and Kathy (Johnado) Dadzie; thirteen grand and great-grandchildren; sisters Imogene Lott, Lula (Ruben) Aldridge

and Essie Powell (Dayton, OH); brothers, Johnny Hutton and Dr. Thomas (Lucille) Hutton. Services of Remembrance for Senator Brown will be Private. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Braden United Methodist Church.

"I have always strived to improve the lives of others, and find solace in knowing that I gave my all to the people of Lucas County," Senator Edna Brown.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO J. CARTER SEIBEL

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to J. Carter Seibel, who passed away on December 28, 2021 at seventy-four years of age. A resident of Delta, Pennsylvania for nearly fifty years, Carter was a friend to many in the community. Nowhere was that more evident than during his time as a teacher at North Harford High School in Pylesville, Maryland where he taught for over two decades, touching the lives of countless students.

He established a German language program at North Harford, advised on the school's yearbook, and offered up his musical talents playing piano in the school's musicals. His love of music and the piano brought joy to many in the community as he played at numerous weddings and events, including some hosted by his former students. Carter also loved Delta as well, serving as a member of the Borough Council and working on initiatives aimed at promoting the borough.

We extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Cindy, as well as his children and grandchildren on Carter's passing. He will be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, had my vote for Call of the House been cast, it would have been recorded as present. Had I been present, I would have voted pres Roll Call No. 1.

HONORING 100 YEARS OF THE WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BRONCO MARCHING BAND

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, during the fall of 2021, the Western Michigan University

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Bronco Marching Band celebrated its 100th season on the field. As a former member of the Michigan Marching Band, I can attest that no college football game day is complete without the sights and sounds of a marching band, particularly in Michigan. Since its inception in 1915, the Bronco Marching Band has been a staple within the greater Kalamazoo and Michigan communities, and a fixture on WMU's campus, both at home and away sporting events, and at many other university occasions, such as its Annual Concert open to all members of the community. The BMB Football Pre-game and Half-time Performances are honored as recognizing timely and creative themes, regularly recognizing the BMB as "The Best Band in the MAC." The Bronco Marching Band serves as the keeper and curator of WMU traditions, providing the expected soundtrack for returning alumni in a way that recordings cannot. Its performances off campus have even broader impact through parades, exhibitions, and community service, including performances and media appearances in numerous Kalamazoo Holiday Events. Over the years, the BMB has also brought national attention to Michigan, Kalamazoo, and WMU during appearances at the International Bowl, Texas Bowl, Little Caesar's Pizza Bowl, Famous Idaho Potato Bowls (2), Cotton Bowl, First Responder Bowl, and the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit. The BMB's dedicated 300+ members and staff, and thousands of BMB Alumni, have brought joy and Bronco Spirit to millions over the past century with hits such as "I've Got a Girl in Kalamazoo," and "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," as well as the beloved Bronco Fight Song. Congratulations again to the WMU Bronco Marching Band on this major milestone. I look forward to seeing what you achieve in the next 100 years. Go Broncos.

THE U.S. ECONOMY REMAINS #1 IN 2021, BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR FUTURE?

HON. LISA C. MCCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following op-ed.

MANY PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNS

While many public policy issues are greatly concerning—from COVID-19 to the crisis at our southern border to education gaps relative to our ability to compete economically—in our opinion, the following three are paramount for the U.S. Congress and Biden Administration.

THE SHRINKING INFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH AMERICA

In 1960, North American total global GDP was \$597.42 billion or 43.7%, with the U.S. contributing \$543 billion or just under 40 percent of the total global GDP of \$1.367 trillion (China's 1960 global GDP by comparison was \$59.72 billion or \$4.39%).

China's 2021 global GDP grew to about \$16.86 trillion or 17.86% of total global GDP. Comparatively, 2021 North American GDP declined to 27.9% of total global GDP, while Asia—led by China, Japan, India, and South Korea—produced 33.7% of global GDP and extended its faster growth pace lead to more than two decades.

AN OBJECTIVE AND REALISTIC VIEW OF CHINA IS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER IN WASHINGTON D.C.

On December 29, 2021 the Chinese Communist Party ordered Hong Kong police to raid the headquarters of Stand News, a pro-democracy Hong Kong-based news service critical of government policy coming out of Beijing. Seven Stand employees were arrested, and all remaining employees were dismissed. China's action is another violation of the Sino-British agreement signed in 1997 giving Hong Kong economic and political freedom until 2047. The West, and especially the United States, must not continue to turn a blind eye toward China's treatment of Hong Kong.

We also must reverse the current trend which has allowed China to gain superior numbers of military assets to ours in the South China Sea and off the coasts of our numerous Asian allies. As tensions grow with China over Taiwan, we must acknowledge Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's comment: "the U.S. will pay an unbearable price" if we continue to support Taiwan. Our response must speak with conviction and specificity of the consequences China will suffer economically and potentially militarily if it moves against Taiwan, an important U.S. economic partner and champion of freedom and free enterprise.

With shortages of face masks to battle COVID-19 and computer chip delays that have challenged American automobile manufacturers, it should be apparent to both U.S. producers and consumers that U.S. businesses must rethink their previous supply chain strategy and be encouraged to produce more necessities at home.

Further, we must rally the world and hold China responsible for the COVID-19 outbreak and its consequences. It's the right thing to do and the only way to prevent a future outbreak.

We applaud Congress for passing a bill targeting China over Uyghur-forced labor practices. The measure prohibits imports from the Xinjiang region of China unless companies can prove the products were made without forced labor. We hope President Biden signs it immediately and more is done by the U.S. government and U.S. corporations to protect the rights and freedoms of Muslim Uyghurs living in China.

Broadening our view of China further, The Hill recently posited: Should a weakening and unstable Chinese economic model be as great a concern as a rising China? The answer is yes. China's concern over energy shortages, slowing economic growth and productivity, and debt now at 290% of GDP, demonstrates that confidence in the Chinese economic and political structure is teetering from within. In addition, recent crackdowns on the property and technology sectors will result in less flexibility and greater economic authoritarianism control over two sectors that account for 29 percent of Chinese GDP.

Our concerns regarding Chinese economic stability and their ability to execute their 5-year planning model hopefully will be a cause for concern within the greater Communist Party of China. Exposing the growing fragility and incompetence of the Chinese economic model could provide a boost for pro-market reform party members as they vote at the 2022 Communist Party Congress this fall. Open, honest and regular communication of China's current economic structural weaknesses could help market-friendly party members use data to thwart Xi Jinping's ambition to be only the third leader in the party's 100-year history elected to a third term. Perhaps a modern Chinese version of 'Radio-free Europe' would be useful in the months ahead?

U.S. ENERGY POLICY CONTINUES TO MAKE NO SENSE TO US

Oil prices continue to fluctuate, declining to the mid-\$60's range weeks ago only to rebound to more than \$77 a barrel currently. Many energy experts believe oil could trade at more than \$100 a barrel in 2022 if the Biden Administration continues its illogical energy policy. Remember that U.S. oil and natural gas are among the cleanest carbon-based fuels by category available in the world today. In fact, U.S. production of clean fossil fuels has dramatically reduced the U.S. carbon footprint, making it the global leader in carbon reduction in the industrialized world over the last 30 years. However, if cleaner U.S. oil and natural gas continue to be removed from the U.S. and world markets due to the Biden Administration's policies, five nonsensical results will occur: 1) The policy will enhance the political and public policy initiatives of countries unfriendly to democracy like Russia and Iran; 2) European allies will become more dependent on unfriendly nations for their oil and natural gas needs, thereby weakening the security and economic prowess of Europe and the United States; 3) More "dirtier" Russian and Iranian oil and natural gas on global markets coupled with less from the U.S. means a sustained increase of lower quality and higher polluting fossil fuel products on global energy markets (in effect, the Biden Administration's policy will increase the global carbon footprint rather than reduce it, making the policy anti-green rather than the pro-green policy it's currently being promoted to represent); 4) The policy will employ thousands of Russians and Iranians in high-paying oil industry-related jobs when those good jobs could be here in the United States with workers paying taxes to the United States; and, 5) Billions of dollars of local, state and federal tax revenue from U.S. oil companies will be lost to the U.S. government at all levels in the months and years ahead.

CONCLUSION

The U.S. National Debt currently stands at \$29.62 trillion (over \$89,000 per U.S. man, woman, and child and just under \$237,000 per U.S. taxpayer). Much of the current state of our national debt is due to excessive government spending on programs that are not needed while taking capital from private sector investments and U.S. national defense. It is crucial that U.S. fiscal, monetary and foreign policy focus on strategies that will grow U.S. capital investment, private sector job and economic growth, while defending the United States and our key allies. This is the only way to ensure that the United States will remain the world's only economic and military superpower.

BROOKWOOD FLORIDA'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brookwood Florida on 95 years of service. Brookwood Florida provides a home for girls, diverted by abuse, neglect, or family dysfunction, in which they learn to be self-sufficient and successful. They provide a unique, life-changing residential program for non-pregnant, non-addicted, at-risk girls between the ages of 13 and 21. Serving approximately 125 girls per year who have suffered abuse, neglect, homelessness, and